# **FISCAL NOTE**

Bill #: HB0062 Title: Revise apiculture laws

Primary Sponsor: Lehman, L Status: As Introduced

Sponsor signature	Date	Chuck Swysgood, Budget	Director Date
Fiscal Summary			
·		FY 2004	FY 2005
Expenditures:		<u>Difference</u>	<u>Difference</u>
State Special Revenue		\$5,233	\$5,233
Revenue:			
General Fund		(\$17,730)	(\$17,730)
State Special Revenue		\$57,321	\$57,321
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:		\$30,373	\$30,373
Significant Local Gov. Impact		Technical Concerns	
Included in the Executive Budget		Significant Long-Term Impacts	
Dedicated Revenue Form Attached		Needs to be included in HB 2	

### **Fiscal Analysis**

#### ASSUMPTIONS:

- 1. Program costs were projected at \$48,103 for FY2004 and \$48,104 in FY 2005 and are included in the Executive Budget at that level.
- 2. Upon passage and approval of this bill, HB 2 would be amended to switch the \$48,103 and \$48,104 from general fund to state special revenue and to increase the operating expenses by \$5,233 each year funded with state special revenue as requested by the industry.
- 3. The registration fee will be charged based on the locations of bee hives. Based on current registered locations of 5,211 sites at the proposed fee of \$11 perlocation, \$57,321 of registration revenue will be generated.
- 4. Other revenue may be derived from certificates of health issuance fees and collection of penalties, but would not represent a dependable or significant budgetable source of revenue.
- 5. Previously, revenues from fees and penalties of \$17,730 each year were deposited in the general fund. Since program costs were more than collected fees, all of the program costs were funded from the general fund
- 6. This legislation creates a new state special revenue account for the Apiary program and the new fees will make the Apiary program self-supporting.

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## FISCAL IMPACT:

	FY 2004	FY 2005
	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Expenditures: Operating Expenses	\$5,233	\$5,233
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u> State Special Revenue (02)	\$5,233	\$5,233
Revenues:		
General Fund (01)	(\$17,730)	(\$17,730)
State Special Revenue (02)	\$57,321	\$57,321
Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue min	us Funding of Expenditures):	
General Fund (01)	\$30,373	\$30,374
State Special Revenue (02)	\$3,985	\$3,985

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### **DEDICATION OF REVENUE:**

a) Are there persons or entities that benefit from this dedicated revenue that do not pay? (please explain)

No

- b) What special information or other advantages exist as a result of using a state special revenue fund that could not be obtained if the revenue were allocated to the general fund? A state special revenue fund allows for separate tracking of revenues and expenditures and easier financial monitoring of the program.
- c) Is the source of revenue relevant to current use of the funds and adequate to fund the program activity that is intended? Yes / No (if no, explain)
   Yes
- d) Does the need for this state special revenue provision still exist? X Yes No (Explain) This is a new creation of a special revenue account to support the Apiary (Honey Bees) Program administered by the Department of Agriculture. Creation of a state special revenue account will help the department measure adequate financial support of services provided to industry.
- e) Does the dedicated revenue affect the legislature's ability to scrutinize budgets, control expenditures, or establish priorities for state spending? (Please Explain)

  No.
- f) Does the dedicated revenue fulfill a continuing, legislatively recognized need? (Please Explain)

  Yes. The intent of HB 62 is to make the Apiary (Honey Bees) program self supporting. The Apiary laws are found in title 80, section 6 of the MCAs.
- g) How does the dedicated revenue provision result in accounting/auditing efficiencies or inefficiencies in your agency? (Please Explain. Also, if the program/activity were general funded, could you adequately account for the program/activity?)

  The department uses the same methods of tracking and managing program expenditures whether the source of funding is general fund or special revenue. However, a special revenue account would allow the department to fully evaluate expenditures in light of revenues and to implement timely changes necessary to ensure the Apiary program is self-supporting.

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